

## **Congressman Travis Childers Hosts “Road to Recovery” Economic Stimulus Forum**

### ***Childers Briefs Local Leaders on Stimulus Package, Possible Funding for Local Projects***

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Washington, DC - Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) today hosted a “Road to Recovery” Economic Stimulus Forum to brief local leaders and project coordinators on potential funding for North Mississippi projects through the economic stimulus package that Congress is expected to pass in early January.

“North Mississippi is hurting as badly as anywhere in the country during this current recession. Our job losses have been staggering, and all our economic development leaders are fighting hard to keep the jobs we have. It is essential that North Mississippi be poised to get its fair share when the stimulus package passes in January,” said Congressman Childers. “By preparing necessary information and utilizing appropriate federal, state, and local resources, project coordinators have a better chance of acquiring funding and implementing projects that create jobs in North Mississippi and stabilize the national economy. I look forward to working with Governor Barbour and state and federal agencies towards ensuring that North Mississippi projects receive funding as the stimulus package continues to take shape.”

Congressman Childers issued an open invitation to project coordinators, local officials, and economic development professionals from across Mississippi's First District, as well as representatives from local, state and federal agencies that are likely to play a role in administering stimulus funds.

A consensus is already beginning to emerge on certain aspects of the stimulus package. Most notably, federal stimulus funding is likely to be targeted towards projects that are either already in progress or have the ability to commence immediately. The plan is also likely to target projects that build or expand critical infrastructure for transportation, energy, technology, health,

education, and the environment.

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